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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Stijn VANCOMPERNOLLE et al.  
Title: FINE STEEL CORD WITH A LOW STRUCTURAL ELONGATION  
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Examiner: John D. FREEMAN  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2007, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-6 and 10-13, for prosecution in the subject application.

Please note that Applicants do not necessarily agree with statements made in the paragraph beginning "The common...." Upon allowance of the elected claims, Applicant will be permitted to request rejoinder in accordance with MPEP 821.04 and *In re Ochiai*, 71 F.3d 1565, 37 USPQ2d 1127 (Fed. Cir. 1995).

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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